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## WASHINGTON STATE QUARTER DESIGNS

Olympia, WA – The Washington State Quarter Advisory Commission (SQAC) and the U.S. Mint have released three final designs to the public. Washington State is one step closer to having a commemorative quarter.

In December, SQAC met and reviewed design drafts to narrow the field, ultimately selecting designs from three of the five narratives: a salmon, Mount Rainier and an apple within an outline of Washington State; a salmon breaching the water with Mount Rainier as a backdrop; and a Northwest Native American stylized orca.

The Fine Arts Commission in D.C. reviewed them today, and they still need to be reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee on January 24, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. In the Spring of 2006, SQAC will present the final designs on the state quarter website <a href="www.governor.wa.gov/quarter">www.governor.wa.gov/quarter</a>, inviting Washington citizens to participate in a public opinion poll to assist SQAC in making its final recommendation to the Governor.

Attached are JPEGs of the designs, for larger versions or more information contact Mark Gerth at (360) 586-8093 or <a href="mailto:quarter@arts.wa.gov">quarter@arts.wa.gov</a>.